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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD  
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

In the Matter of:

HITESH D. PATEL, M.D.

ORDER REINSTATING LICENSE

This matter was reopened before the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") upon the Board's receipt of a petition from respondent Hitesh D. Patel, M.D., seeking the reinstatement of respondent's New Jersey medical license. Dr. Patel's New Jersey license was suspended for a period of five years, pursuant to the terms of a Final Order of Discipline filed on January 22, 2002. That Order, in turn, had been based on the entry of an Order dated August 25, 1998 by the California Medical Board, which Board revoked respondent's license to practice in the State of California, but stayed the revocation and instead placed respondent on probation for a period of five years, with conditions of probation to include a requirement that respondent complete sensitivity training, and that he have an approved third party present when examining or treating female patients under the age of eighteen years. Our Order was also based on admissions that respondent made, when settling the California action, that he had engaged in unprofessional conduct in communications with a minor female patient. Dr. Patel appeared before a Preliminary Evaluation Committee of the Board on January 24, 2007, and then testified, among other items, regarding the action taken against him in the State of

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California, the actions he undertook to satisfy probation requirements placed upon him by the California Medical Board, and regarding his present medical practice. Upon consideration of available evidence and respondent's testimony, the Board finds that respondent satisfactorily complied with the terms of probation imposed upon him by the California Board, and that an Order was entered by the California Board, effective September 23, 2003, restoring respondent's California Certificate to "clear status" "free of probation requirements." Respondent has since practiced pediatrics in California without condition or limitation on his license.

The Board being presently satisfied, based on the findings set forth above, that good cause presently exists to reinstate, without condition or limitation, respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of New Jersey, and being further satisfied that the entry of the within Order is in the public interest,

IT IS on this 11th day of April, 2007

ORDERED:

The license of respondent Hitesh Patel, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey is hereby reinstated, without condition or limitation.

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By: Sindy M. Paul, MD  
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Board President